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## **Proposed Aquatic and Riparian Habitat Plans (HMPs) Released by BLM**

On August 30, 2000, the New Mexico Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released four Proposed Riparian Aquatic Habitat Management Plans and Final Environmental Impact Statements. The HMPs are designed to restore and protect 135 public land riparian habitats under the administration of the BLM Albuquerque, Taos, Farmington, and Las Cruces Field Offices. Riparian/aquatic habitats are those water habitats and their adjacent land areas which produce sedges, willows and cottonwood trees important to numerous wildlife species. These areas are also of key importance to New Mexicans for recreation, agriculture and as natural areas.

Following a 30-day availability period after release of the documents, a Record of Decision will be prepared for each of the Proposed HMPs and Final Environmental Impact Statements. Any comments received during the 30-day availability period will be considered in preparing the Records of Decision. The 30-day availability period ends October 10, 2000. The Proposed Aquatic and Riparian HMPs and Final Environmental Impact Statements and can be viewed on the New Mexico BLM web site at [www.nm.blm.gov](http://www.nm.blm.gov) or by contacting the following Field Offices.

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